Brackish water prawn Hatchery in Maharashtra

1330. SHRl SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have repeatedly requested Government to set up a modren Brackish Water Prawn Hatchery in the State; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not according sanction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Government of Maharashtra have sought for setting up of a Shrimp Seed Hatchery under the UNDP Project.

(b) The UNDP Project hag a provision for setting up of a total of five pilot Brackish water Fish Farms and five pilot Shrimp Seed Hatcheries in the country so that atleast one Hatchery or on© Farm under UNDP Project is located in each of the maritime States. The selection of sites for these farms and hatcheries Las been made en the recommendations of the UNDP experts according to which one UNDP pilot farm has been selected for Maharashtra. The Government 'of Maharashtra have been informed accordingly.

Cooperative sugar mills in the country

1331. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUP PLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the success achieved by cooperative sector sugar mills in providing assured income and fair retur$_n$ to sugar-cane-producers in Maharashtra, Government propose to promote cooperative sugar mills in other cane-growing areas of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and other States; and

(i>) if so,- the details of th© steps taken so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) According to the policy guidelines issued for licensing in the Sugar Industry during • the Seventh Five Year Plan, first priority is given to the cooperative sector for setting up new sugar mills. Second priority is given lo the public sector and lastly to the private .sector.

In keeping with this policy, out of 20 letters of intent issued so far under tho revised policy, 14 letter^ of intent have been given to the cooperative sector.

Welfare of primative tribes

1332. SHRI JAGADISH JANT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the primitive tribals living in Orissa and Bihar;

(b) the population of those tribes, tribes-wise; ,

(c) the schemes sponsored by the Centre for their upliftment; and

(d) the amount provided to~ the State Governments under those schemes in the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed *[Sec* below).

(c) Special Central Assistance is given to , the States for taking up various family orienied programmes in sectors like Agricul ture, Horticulture Soil Conservation, Ani mal Hasbandry, Drinking water, Education, Communication, Health, Housing, Co operation, etc. Besides some special sche mes for improvement of communication in primitive tribes areas and construction of Ashram schools are taken up with additional Central assistance.

(d) The amounts provided to the State Governments for development of primitive